

APCD Daily TAG Call – Meeting Highlights (April 18th – April 22nd)

Monday, April 18th - TAG call highlights

1. The Division welcomed everyone to the TAG call and informed payers that the Division will continue to hold daily TAG calls at 2:00 P.M. to address any technical issues.
2. The Division addressed payer specific technical questions.
3. With no other questions to address, the Division concluded the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Tuesday, April 19th - TAG call highlights

1. The Division welcomed everyone to the TAG call.
2. The Division addressed payer specific technical questions.
3. With no other questions to address, the Division concluded the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 20th - TAG call highlights

4. The Division welcomed everyone to the TAG call.
5. The Division addressed payer specific technical questions.
6. With no other questions to address, the Division concluded the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Thursday, April 21st - TAG call highlights

1. The Division welcomed everyone to the TAG call.
2. The Division notified Payers that the APCD website (www.mass.gov/dhcfp/apcd) has been updated and most of the materials including the **Regulations and Administrative Bulletins** have been moved to the **User Resources** Section. The Division also informed payers that a new [APCD FAQ - Updated April 2011](#) has been provided in the **User Resources** section.
3. The Division invited all payers to participate in a series of forums to explore issues relating to collaboration on data uses, data governance, and data release.

Monday, May 2, 2011, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13, 2011, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20, 2011, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02116

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Registration is required. Please RSVP online by **Monday, April 25, 2011**. Registration can be found on the APCD website (<http://www.mass.gov/dhcfp/apcd>) under **APCD Events**.

4. The Division addressed payer specific technical questions.
5. With no other questions to address, the Division concluded the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Friday, April 22nd - TAG call highlights

1. The Division welcomed everyone to the TAG call.
2. Young Joo thanked payers for their efforts to submit data and updated variance request applications. He encouraged payers to continue reaching out to the Division and communicating through their liaisons. Payers were reminded that the Division anticipates the Variance Request Final Certification Process to be completed by the May 31st. When variance request applications have been approved, payers will be required to submit a signed certificate agreeing to the terms of the variance application. Instead of requiring payers to send signed hard copies by postal mail, the Division strongly prefers an email acknowledgement from the designated signatory officer as the primary form of an electronic signature for the certification process. The Division will also accept either a scanned copy of the signed document sent by email, a faxed copy, or a physical copy sent by postal mail.

The Division also acknowledged that occasionally there may be the data element threshold level fluctuations and will account for these variations by applying Margin of Errors for a limited set of the Priority “A” Level elements. A list of the elements will be provided to payers in the near future.

The Division will also implement Data element priorities and submission edits. Each element will be prioritized with a letter A, B, C or Z (A being most important, Z being least important). If any of the “A” elements do not meet the threshold, the file will fail and the payer will be required to resubmit with appropriate adjustments. Only “A” level edits will cause a file to fail at this time.

3. The Division addressed payer specific technical questions.
4. With no other questions to address, the Division concluded the meeting at 2:35 pm.